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N THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1616
Etienne-Emile BAULIEU et al.))
Serial No.: 10/542,495) Examiner: Mei Ping Chu
Filed: January 18, 2006))
For: USE OF 3-METHOXY-PREGNENOLONE IN THE PRODUCTION OF A MEDICAMENT FOR TREATING NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES) Confirmation No.: 7023

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicant responds to the Office Action mailed February 21, 2008. A petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, extending the deadline for responding to August 21, 2008, accompanies this paper. Thus, this paper is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments include: A copy of the entry for the definition of "progestin" in *The Free Dictionary* (1 page); the title page and pages 49-51 and 1326-28 of the Merck Index, 12th edition (1996) (7 pages); a copy of the Wikipedia Article entitled *Ether* (7 pages); a copy of "Activity of 3-methoxy-pregnenolone on progesterone receptor" (2 pages); and Bursi and Groen, (2000) Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35:787-96 (10 pages).